

136 LIVES LOST IN STEAMER FIRE AND 521 SAVED

Steamer Volturina Abandoned, Afire, in Mid-ocean, and Six Lifeboats Were Smashed in Transfer of Passengers and Crew

TEN STEAMERS WENT TO HER ASSISTANCE

Ill-Fated Steamer Was on the Way to New York from Rotterdam When Fire Broke Out During a Raging Gale

Fishguard, England, Oct. 11.—Fire in a raging storm in mid-ocean on Thursday destroyed the liner Volturina on her voyage from Rotterdam to New York, and, according to wireless reports, caused the death, by burning or drowning, of at least 136 passengers and crew, while 10 other liners, which were called to the rescue by wireless, were standing by impotent to avert the tragedy owing to the mountainous seas.

Again the wireless played a leading part in the drama and by its means and the heroism of the succorers, who responded to the call, the lives of 521 were saved.

The first reports placed the number lost at 236, at least, but the checking of all available sources indicates this was probably an error in wireless transmission.

The Volturina was owned by the Canadian Northern Steamship company but was chartered by the Uranium line. She carried, according to officials of the company, 24 cabin passengers, 540 steerage and a crew of 93.

Fishguard, England, Oct. 11.—Wireless messages from the steamer Carmania report that the Uranium line steamer Volturina with several hundred passengers aboard, bound from Rotterdam for New York, has been abandoned, afire, at sea. Ten steamers responded to wireless calls for help and fought for hours during a raging gale to save the passengers and the doomed ship's crew.

The occupants of six lifeboats were thrown into the sea when the boats were lowered, and the occupants were probably drowned.

One report by way of Liverpool is that 236 passengers and crew of the Volturina are missing.

A wireless message from the Carmania said that the Volturina caught fire in mid-Atlantic and that the flames raged so furiously in the gale that the abandonment of the steamer followed Thursday morning.

The Volturina sailed from Rotterdam on October 2, bound for New York by the way of Halifax, where she was due to stop on Monday.

French Bird Exterminators.

Roger Boutet de Monvel has an article in the October Century illustrated with seven of his own charming pictures on "Nemours: A Typical French Provincial Town," in which he indicates that "la chasse" in France is in need of what we call conservation.

"Formerly," he says, "this part of the country abounded in game, but of late years, owing to the increasing number of sportsmen, the pheasants have rapidly diminished. As the cost of a hunting license in France is moderate, the humblest grocer may have the privilege of stringing a cartridge case across his chest, and, attired in brown linen, with his grandfather's old gun on his shoulder, may revel in the joys of the chase. It is not the humble grocer alone, however, who is responsible for the terrible slaughter of birds. All the other grocers, his friends and neighbors, would feel themselves disgraced if they did not follow his example; so, along with the grocers come the ironmongers, the harnessmakers and the innkeepers, in some overwhelming numbers that within a week after the opening of the shooting season not a hare or a feather is left to tell the tale."

One Privilege Denied to Woman.

"Ah, yes," she bitterly replied when he had complained that women were taking the places of men, "women may, as you say, practice at the bar and hold positions of trust in offices and vote and preach, and become commercial travelers and all that sort of thing, but there is one privilege that we are still denied, and probably always will be."

"What's that?" he asked.

"I don't suppose the time will ever come when we shall be permitted to put our feet upon our desks during business hours."—Chicago Record-Herald.

GLOOM SETTLED OVER NEW YORK

It Was Partially Due to the Weather Conditions To-day

AND DUE IN PART TO FANS' DEPRESSION

Fifth Game in the World's Series to Be Played at Polo Grounds

New York, Oct. 11.—Overcast skies and unsettled weather conditions generally were in evidence this morning as the fans waited for the calling of the fifth world's series baseball game between the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics, the latter being in the lead in the series by three to one, having dropped the second game.

SULZER CASE ENDED; COURT ADJOURNS

Impeachment Trial Will Be Resumed at Albany, N. Y., Monday Afternoon

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Governor William Sulzer's fate rests with his judges. The final arguments of counsel for and against him were delivered yesterday before the high court of impeachment, immediately thereafter the court adjourned until next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

ALARMING REPORTS.

Of Condition of Timothy Woodruff Given Out Last Night.

New York, Oct. 11.—Alarming reports late yesterday regarding the condition of former Lieut. Governor Timothy L. Woodruff, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis, were followed late last night by issuance of a bulletin signed by his physicians that was not at all reassuring in character. Mr. Woodruff has been unconscious except for a brief interval since last Sunday night, his son said. The doctors' bulletin read: "The condition of Timothy L. Woodruff is still unchanged and he continues to be dangerously ill."

POULTRY IN MAIL

Caused Astonishment at Haverhill, Mass., Postoffice.

Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 11.—Barnyard voices have astonished many persons entering the postoffice here this week. The regulations of parcel post forbid the shipping of live stock, but a box containing a bantam rooster and four hens somehow eluded the vigilance of a New Hampshire postmaster and came through the mails to Haverhill. It was two days before the addressee, living five miles out, received his package.

HUERTA TAKES DRAMATIC COURSE

Orders Federal Troops to Surround the Chamber of Deputies.

Mexico City, Oct. 11.—The Chamber of Deputies was surrounded by the federal troops last night. Several hundred more are inside the building, and it is reported President Huerta intends to dissolve the body.

Extreme Politeness.

When old Si Simlin went to town He looked straight up and never down. He turned his head from each passerby And fixed his gaze on the buildings high.

The crowd swept on in fine array, We spoke to him of the great display, But he had no interest for Si. He wanted to look at the buildings high.

Said he: "Just once I took a view And I caught a glimpse of the fashions new, I couldn't describe 'em if I'd try, But I guess I'll look at the buildings high."

"If a lady hasn't goods enough For a regular dress of well spun stuff, No slash or shadow shall keep my eye, I'll keep it fixed on the building's high."—Washington Star.

From Life's Experience.

You can drive a boy to college, but you cannot make him think. Some girls never learn to flirt, for the same reason that the fish never learn to swim.

If your marriage proves happy, you can say, "I told you so." Otherwise every one else will say it. Many a man who had money to burn is shifting ashes.

Most people are so cool in danger they shiver.—Lippincott's.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Edward Clark of Fairlee arrived in the city to-day to spend a few days as the guest of friends on French street.

John McCarthy of South Main street left to-day for Burlington for a few days' visit with friends.

Miss Agnes Nelson of North Main street returned to-day from Waterbury, where she has been visiting.

Frank E. Finnegan of Graniteville was a visitor in the city last night, returning from a few days' visit to Montreal.

POLICE SHOOTER DIES IN PRISON.

Joseph Ploof of Burlington Was to Be Operated On.

Burlington, Oct. 11.—Sheriff Allen received word from the state's prison at Windsor yesterday that Joseph Ploof, the Burlington man doing a seven years' term for attempting to kill police officer Christopher Miles in this city in June, 1911, was dead. Ploof was suffering from an ulcer in the head, and was to have been operated upon yesterday morning with just a slight chance of saving his life. He did not live, however, until the hour set for the operation. Ploof's body will be brought to this city for interment.

The crime for which he was sent up was committed one morning when Officer Miles went to arrest him on a charge entered by Mrs. Ploof. He went up stairs in the Ploof house to notify his man, and turned to come down when Ploof shot him in the back, and then shot himself. Both were taken to the hospital and both recovered. Ploof's defense was insanity, and he was sent to the state hospital at Waterbury where he remained for some time. He was later tried and convicted of assault with attempt to murder, and sentenced. He had served only a little over a year of his term in prison.

Ploof's shooting the officer was one of three attempts to kill Burlington policemen within a period of about a dozen years.

FORMER BURLINGTONIAN ACCUSED

Joseph Bergeron Arrested on a Murder Charge at New Haven, Conn.

Burlington, Oct. 11.—Joseph Bergeron, for many years a resident of this city and who for some time kept a plumbing shop on Elmwood avenue a short distance south of the corner of North street, is being held in New Haven, Conn., on a charge of murdering a woman named Lizzie Doucette, and the police of that city seem to be very sure of procuring conviction for the crime.

George Nicholai of the district attorney's office is now in the city looking up Bergeron's past in order to procure evidence which may be used at the trial, which is to be held soon.

According to the story related by the detective, Bergeron deserted his wife, who was Emma Charbonneau of this city, in New Britain and went to live with the Doucette woman. They quarreled awhile and separated, but Bergeron, who seemed to be infatuated with her, followed her up, and after learning that she was in New Haven, went to her house and asked her to come back and live with him. This she refused to do and he drew a revolver and shot her dead. Following that he walked coolly out of the house and went into a nearby restaurant for breakfast. The police arrested him there within an hour after the time the shooting occurred. He made no effort to get away or deny the charge, so that it is thought the defense will be insanity.

While in Burlington Bergeron was sober and the only thing against him was a fickleness shown toward women. He was arrested once for non-support and received a jail sentence but on his promise to go back and live with his wife, sentence was suspended. It is probable that a number of Burlingtonians will be called to New Haven to testify in case Bergeron pleads not guilty.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL.

Tribute Paid to the Late Maxwell Everts Yesterday.

Windsor, Oct. 11.—The funeral of the late Maxwell Everts was held in St. Paul's church yesterday at 11 o'clock, there being a large number of relatives and friends gathered. Among those who attended were Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, and her daughters, Misses Margaret and Eleanor, who have been spending the summer at Cornish. Business was suspended in Windsor during the service.

The front of the church was filled with floral wreaths and set pieces which were sent by the various organizations with which Mr. Everts was connected and by relatives and associates in the railroad business in New York city.

The service was in charge of the pastor of the church, Rev. P. G. Mauser, and the fact that the bereaved Everts, a brother of the deceased, was buried in the cemetery, the body being accompanied to the cemetery by fifty business men of Windsor and seventy-five foremen and employees at the Windsor machine shops.

LOSES WELL KNOWN CITIZEN.

Waterbury Again Called Upon to Mourn M. F. Stranahan Dead.

Waterbury, Oct. 11.—Millard Fillmore Stranahan, who was stricken with a shock while eating supper last Wednesday evening, died this morning at his home on Main street, never having recovered consciousness since stricken and the end coming at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

Mr. Stranahan was born in Westport, N. Y., on July 20, 1851, the son of George W. and Mary (Osborne) Stranahan. On April 1, 1871, he was married to Sue Gregory of Brooklyn, Iowa. Thirty-five years ago they came to Waterbury and have been well known residents ever since. Mr. Stranahan conducting a tailor shop for a long time and more recently adding a clothing business.

He leaves his widow and three children, Harold Stranahan of Montpelier, Mrs. Arthur Lyons of Waterbury and Miss Blanche Stranahan, a teacher at Bradford; also two brothers and one sister, who reside in the west, Walter in Kansas and George and Ida in St. Joseph, Missouri. There are also five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Stranahan had three other children, one of whom, Millard, Jr., died only a short time ago. Since the death of the latter Mr. Stranahan has been in somewhat broken health, although during the past few weeks he seemed to be somewhat better.

Funeral of Dr. Minard Sunday.

The body of Dr. W. F. Minard, who died in a Boston hospital Thursday night, was brought to Waterbury last evening, and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Congregational church: Morning worship at 10:45, followed by Sunday school; subject of sermon, "The Working God." Union service in the evening at 7:30. C. E. meets Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star on Monday evening, Oct. 13.

MURDER DONE WITH HAMMER

Walter Nichols, a Guilford Farmer, Found with His Skull Crushed In

HIS WIFE MISSING; ALSO HIRED MAN

A Neighbor Reports Seeing Two Men in a Tussle on Thursday Afternoon

Brattleboro, Oct. 11.—Walter Nichols, aged 27, a farmer of West Guilford, nine miles from this village, was found murdered yesterday afternoon in a field about 100 rods from his home. Ervin Wisley, his hired man, 39 years old, is missing, and so is Mrs. Nichols, 20 years old.

H. Willard Fisher, who lives about half a mile from the Nichols home, told Sheriff C. E. Mann last evening, a few hours after Nichols' body had been found with the back of the skull crushed in and a bloody hammer beside the body, that Thursday afternoon at 2:30 he saw two men struggling, as he thought, in fun, at the spot where the body was found. Soon after he saw a man who he thought was Wisley leave the Nichols house and go up into the woods. A few minutes later he heard two shots. A gun kept in the Nichols home is missing. Mrs. Nichols' parents, who are Mr. and Mrs. Moore, are confident that their daughter has been a victim of the murderer. There appears to be no question of her fidelity and none of her jewelry or clothing is missing.

Walter Nichols purchased his father's farm last February, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nichols, had lived there until last Monday, when they moved to the Eastwood place about three miles away. Young Nichols and his wife, who had been married two years, and Wisley were on the farm alone. Wisley had worked there since the maple sugar season.

Nichols' failure to appear at the Baptist church Thursday evening, of which he was janitor, led to an investigation yesterday morning on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thomas, neighbors. They found the house unlocked and everything apparently in order. Believing that the inmates were somewhere on the farm, they did not investigate further.

Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Kemp, upon calling at the house and failing to find anyone at home yesterday afternoon, drove on a road leading to a field, and about 100 rods from the house the clergyman found the body of Nichols lying face downward near the fence. The back of the head had been smashed in with a hammer.

Dr. G. R. Anderson of Brattleboro, who was called, expressed the opinion that life had been extinct for 24 hours. Selectman W. B. Warren of Halifax took charge of the body, and Sheriff C. E. Mann, with Deputy Walter E. Howe of Windsor, immediately went to the scene. Deputy Sheriff George P. Miller of Guilford soon joined them. As extensive a search as was possible before darkness set in was made of the surrounding territory, and it was not until dusk that the statement of Mr. Fisher as to what he had seen Thursday afternoon was obtained. Sheriff Mann sent broadcast by telephone last night descriptions of Wisley and Mrs. Nichols and the fact that a bay horse, weighing 1,000 pounds, and a heavy black express wagon were missing from the farm.

Wisley's description is as follows: Forty years old, dark complexion and moustache, five feet 10 inches, weight 140 to 150 pounds, little finger and one next to it on one hand missing, bad scar on back of neck.

Mrs. Nichols is 20 years, light complexion and hair, five feet seven, weight 135 pounds. Nichols, besides his parents, leaves a sister, Mrs. H. A. Carpenter of Greenfield, and a brother, Austin G. of Guilford.

40 BARRE MEMBERS ATTENDED.

Odd Fellows District Meeting Held at Cabot Last Night.

More than 150 Odd Fellows gathered at Cabot last evening for the third annual meeting of the thirteenth Odd Fellows' district. Forty members from Haverhill lodge, No. 20, attended, making the trip by automobiles. The visiting Odd Fellows were welcomed by W. H. Myers, P. G., and Frank W. Jackson of Barre made the response for the district. In the absence of O. H. Henderson, grand secretary, the response for the grand officers was given by Grand Master E. L. Ingalls of Hartford. Arcadia lodge, No. 53, of Plainfield gave the exhortation of the second degree the unwritten work was omitted, owing to the absence of Mr. Henderson. A banquet served by Ramona lodge, Rebeahs, brought an enjoyable meeting to its close.

DELIBERATED 20 MINUTES.

Then Jury Brought in Verdict for Defense at Rutland.

Rutland, Oct. 11.—After only 20 minutes' deliberation, a jury in Rutland county court yesterday returned a verdict for the defense in the case of George De Vor of Philadelphia, a summer resident of Vermont vs. Mrs. Julia G. Graves, a Fair Haven property owner. The plaintiff asked for damages of \$5,000 because he was struck by a falling limb while walking on the sidewalk at the time a man was trimming a tree on the defendants' premises.

Weather Forecast.

Sunday, showers and cooler; moderate to brisk south winds.

GIVEN A SENTENCE.

Arthur Mitchell Ordered Committed by Judge Butler.

In Washington county court yesterday afternoon, Judge Butler sentenced Arthur Mitchell of Barre to not less than eight and not more than ten months in the house of correction at Rutland for breaking conditions of his probation on a charge of liquor selling, and the judge ordered the mittimus to be issued. In pronouncing sentence the judge declared that from the 21st inst. on in the case the respondent was entitled to no leniency, because he knew the law and penalty; but inasmuch as the man has a wife and family he would make the sentence lighter than he otherwise would.

State's Attorney Carver reviewed the case, saying that the respondent had been arrested before and pleaded guilty to selling; that he sold from a wagon while peddling tea and coffee. On the previous occasion, the state's attorney said he had recommended that sentence be suspended because he believed the man to be ill and had a family, whereupon the sentence was suspended, and the man was placed on probation, only to be caught with several pints of whiskey with him on his delivery route. Thereafter, the prosecuting officer thought he had been given every chance and should be sentenced. Attorney R. A. Hoar spoke briefly for the respondent.

Two Divorces Granted.

Two divorces were granted during the afternoon Patsy Russo sued Hilda Russo and a bill was granted on the ground of intolerable severity; the petitioner being granted custody of a minor child. A divorce also was granted to John N. Harvey from Emily M. Harvey on the ground of willful desertion.

The case of James M. Holland vs. Frank Brundell, alleged trespass, was brought to the attention of the court, but as the case promises to require some time in trial it was put over to next week.

A motion was made to dismiss the case of Carrie L. Crowley vs. P. M. Crowley et al, and in the divorce suit of Mary E. Hayden vs. Walter D. Hayden, the petitioner was notified to obtain counsel at once or the case would be dismissed. Two divorces of Ida Valis vs. Francis Valis and Beatrice Poulin vs. Raymond Poulin were ordered not carried forward.

Other cases discontinued were as follows: Frances H. A. Kennerson vs. Frank Kennerson; Shirley Restelli vs. P. Restelli; Florence H. Wiley vs. Anthony Jary; F. G. Howland and Alex. Gordon executors, vs. George Liberson; Charles A. Clark vs. Central Vermont Railway Co.; First National bank of Montpelier vs. Wood Crawford Co. Among cases which were continued were the following: Mary C. Slattery vs. Michael J. Slattery; Nora P. VanOrman vs. Eugene B. VanOrman; E. B. VanOrman vs. Nora P. VanOrman; David W. Mann vs. Mary Mann; Northfield Savings bank vs. Carl E. and E. E. Bowman general assumpsit; divorce case of Celia L. McLane vs. William McLane. Court then took a recess until next Tuesday morning.

FIFTY BOTTLES OF BEER.

Were Missing When Antonio Nicolini Sought It.

For the alleged theft of 50 bottles of beer, articles loose and portable, according to the larceny law, and palatable according to the reputed testimony of those who know, Royal Carlin was arraigned before Judge H. W. Scott in city court this forenoon. Carlin entered a plea of guilty and paid a \$5 fine and costs of \$5.14, agreeing at the same time to return the half-hundred bottles, which the state claimed were stolen. The respondent was arrested by Officer John W. Dimeen on a city court warrant issued at the request of Grand Juror A. G. Fay.

It is alleged that the beer was the property of one Antonio Nicolini, who occupies jointly a tenement with the respondent at 3 Farwell street. The last time Nicolini saw his beer, it is said, was when he went to the cellar yesterday. In the evening it was gone.

William Magoon, charged with assault and battery of the beer, came into court yesterday afternoon and pleaded guilty before Judge Scott. Sentence was deferred until this noon. Medical men examined the young man and gave their opinion that he should not be sent to Waterbury for observation at the state hospital.

Arthur Comstock, formerly of South Barre was taken in Randolph yesterday and brought to police headquarters by Deputy Sheriff A. J. Morrison. This morning a charge of non-support was preferred against him by State's Attorney J. Ward Carver and after a conference with the court and the respondent, the case was entered as not pressed.

Mrs. Paulina Cerasoli, whose house was raided by police officers, came into court this morning and waived examination on the charge preferred against her in connection with the seizure of alcohol and hand goods at her home. The liquor was ordered condemned, but an appeal was taken and bail on the goods was fixed at \$50. Mrs. Cerasoli furnished bail in the sum of \$500 for her appearance in county court. In the absence of R. A. Hoar, who was retained by the woman, S. Hollister Jackson appeared, with Grand Juror A. G. Fay representing the state.

In spite of Mrs. Cerasoli's decision to waive, the state decided to put several witnesses on the stand in the case against the liquor. It transpired that the respondent was a probationer when Probation Officer Charles A. Smith appeared. Mrs. Cerasoli having been allowed her liberty under a suspended sentence after her plea of guilty to a selling charge in county court last spring. It was therefore decided to let it all testimony apropos the liquor in the present case of April 2, 1912, when the woman is alleged to have placed guilty for prior violations of the law.

Even McKenzie was the first witness and he denied visiting the Cerasoli house in many months. He was examined by the grand juror. Officer Ed. L. McLeod, who with other officers, conducted the raid this week, was the next to testify, and he told of discovering alleged contraband goods in places of concealment at the Cerasoli house.

In county court yesterday, William Moren of this city pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense of intoxication and paid a \$15 fine and costs of prosecution. Moren was arraigned in municipal court some weeks ago and took an appeal on being adjudged guilty of the offense.

VOTED REBATE IN FOUR CASES

Of Barre Taxpayers Who Had Been Assessed on 5 Per Cent. Notes

CIVIL AUTHORITY CONTINUED ITS STAND

Several Other Requests Heard and Some Were Dismissed

The stand of Barre's board of civil authority on the interpretation of the five per cent mortgage exemption clause in the 1912-1913 tax law was made amenable to the requests of four taxpayers at a meeting of the board in the city court room last evening. Four other petitions for rebates were dismissed by the 11 members who constituted the board last evening. F. G. Howland presided.

Malnati Bros., granite manufacturers, stated that their tax was twice as large as that of last year on a similar inventory. The increase was due to the new offset ruling and the case was dismissed. Under protest, John Stewart paid taxes on a \$400 five per cent note secured by a chattel mortgage and his request for a rebate was granted. George Brown, represented by his father, John Brown, stated that he was in Proctor April 1. He had received notices lately from the constable and resented paying the expenses of collection more than the face of the levy itself. His petition was dismissed for the time being.

One of the heaviest taxpayers under the five per cent clause, so-called, was D. M. Miles, who was assessed on \$17,000 five per cent mortgage notes and who asked for a rebate, as he had paid under protest. His case was considered favorably and the rebate was granted. Like action was taken in the case of A. L. Noyes, who paid taxes under protest on a five per cent mortgage note at \$1,400. Fred Perrin had been levied for taxes on a \$557 mortgage note at five per cent, and his request for rebate was granted.

A. A. Lamorey, appearing for the Lamorey Clothing Co., asked for a rebate of \$74 on the taxes levied on the stock, book accounts and fixtures of the company store. Mr. Lamorey said he had forwarded a list amounting to \$8,000, which he considered fair in every detail. Evidently the assessors had tacked on an additional \$5,500, which he didn't consider fair. Questioned by Assessor Martin Riley, Mr. Lamorey said he probably had goods in transit around April 1. His protest was dismissed.

Albert W. Brown of South Main street protested against a tax of \$5.80, viz., poll tax and officer's expenses, levied against him, setting up that he was in Montpelier at the time of levying and that furthermore, he was still a minor until April 9, 1913. He offered to prove his age by testimony of his mother. In interrogated by the board as to the place of his nativity, Mr. Brown said he was born en route from Michigan to Gouverneur, N. Y. Mr. Brown's tax was abated.

Frank L. Small, appearing for Mrs. John D. Patterson, asked for abatement on mortgaged property to the extent of \$61.53. The matter had been considered at a recent meeting of the board, and a request for a meeting of the board, it was said, and the case was dismissed. A communication from Edgar J. White, at present confined to the Rainbow Lake sanatorium, asked that his poll tax be abated on account of prolonged illness. The request was granted. Robert W. Clark's protest against paying a poll tax was stated by the clerk. Mr. Clark declared he had left Barre for Scotland May 15, 1912, and had been absent until May 29, 1913. The tax was abated and adjournment followed.

PROSPECTS FOR COLUMBUS DAY.

There Is to Be But Slight Celebration of Holiday in Barre.

Although Columbus day falls on Sunday this year, whatever aspects of a holiday observance locally attaching to the occasion will be associated with Monday, October 13. In 1911, the year when October 12 first became a legal holiday, a pretentious celebration in Barre marked the anniversary of Columbus' landing. Last year, it will be recalled in many quarters, the city went under cover on Columbus day for a stay of many weeks. So to-morrow will have a double significance to many people, for it will be the first anniversary of the smallpox scare. In 1912, however, no attempt had been made to celebrate Columbus day, although there was an observance in Montpelier.

Monday the public schools will be closed throughout the day. The day is a holiday at Goddard seminary and sessions will be suspended on "the hill." All stores subscribing to the agreement between the merchants and clerks will remain closed, as will the barber shops and other places of business. Fruit shops and drug stores will remain open only during the usual holiday hours. It is understood that few of the manufacturing plants will suspend operations. Thus far the only public observance of the day to be announced is the dance to be held in the Seapoint block hall by Barre council, 401, Knights of Columbus. In pursuance of its usual custom, Barre council, 401, Knights of Columbus, in pursuance of its usual custom, Barre council has offered prizes for merit in composition on Columbus among the students of Spaulding school. The outcome of this competition will be announced later.

On Monday, Columbus day, The Times will be issued at noon.